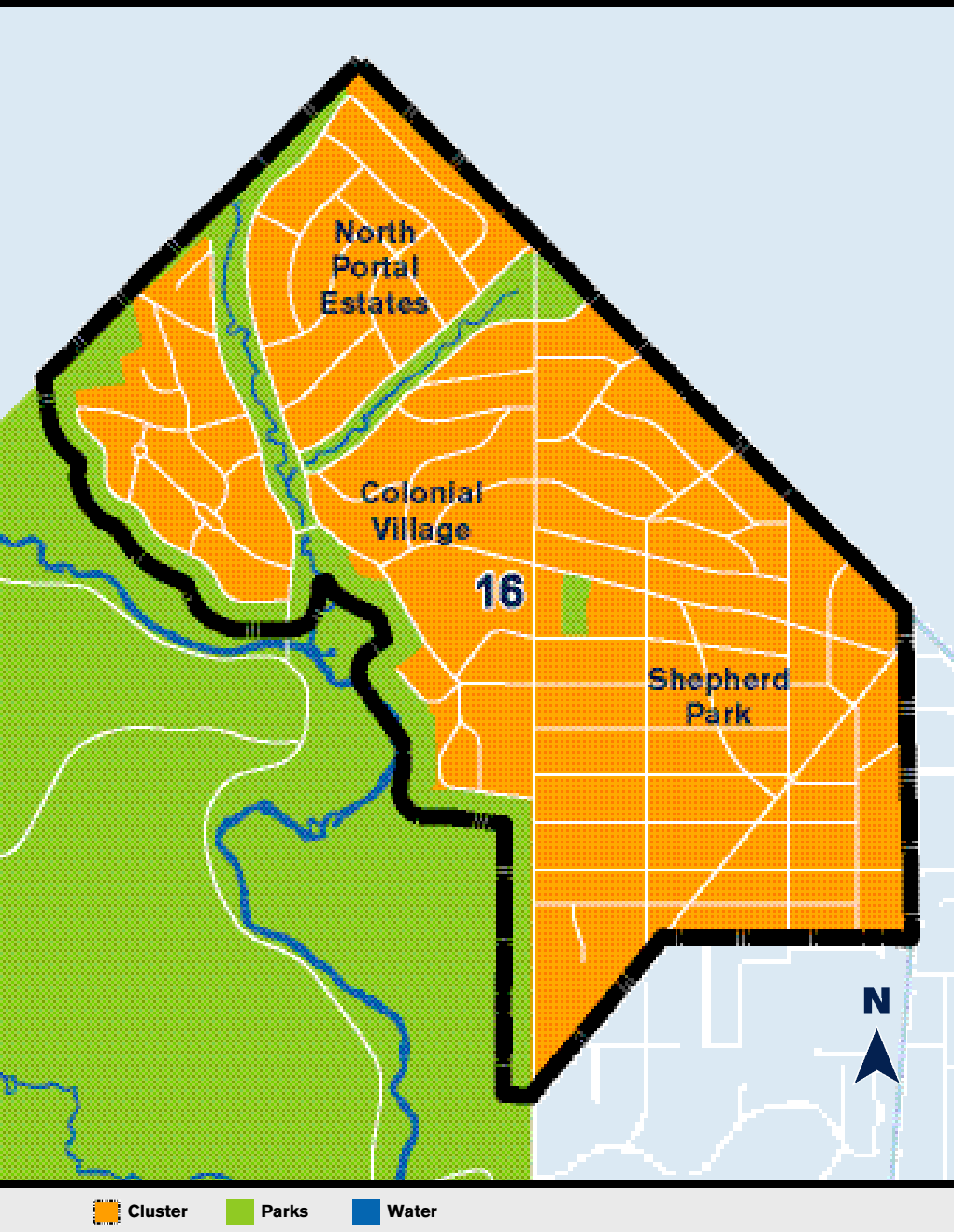


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Physical Characteristics and Assets

Most Cluster 16 neighborhoods are defined by attractive, single-family detached homes on relatively large lots. The western part of the Cluster, which borders Rock Creek Park, is developed with estate-style homes. This quiet area is characterized by curving non-through streets and cul-de-sacs.

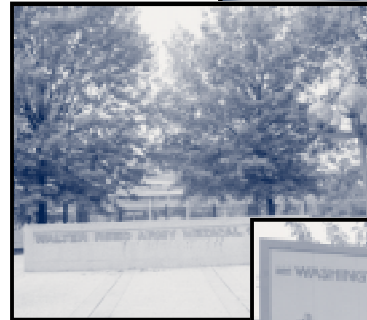
Sixteenth Street bisects the Cluster and is a major corridor for commuter traffic. Running from Maryland throughout Ward 4 to downtown Washington, DC, and ending at the White House, 16th Street has always been a special street in the city. Many foreign missions, synagogues, churches, and large stately mansions have traditionally been located along this thoroughfare. Over the years, however, some of those establishments, particularly embassies and chanceries, have been relocated. Some of the buildings have been converted to churches, private schools, and other institutions.

Historic Georgia Avenue, built in 1819 as the Brightwood Turnpike, is the Cluster's eastern border. This well-known commercial district is special because it is by far the longest retail strip in the city, extending about 40 blocks for the full length of the ward. The properties fronting Georgia Avenue are the only commercially zoned properties in Cluster 16.

Cluster 16 is bordered to the south by Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Built in 1909 by congressional legislation, this major employer and healthcare institution stimulated residential and commercial development and shaped the area's landscape.

Some highlights of Cluster 16's assets and features include the following:

- *Its neighborhoods offer an excellent housing stock and a strong real estate market.*
- *It provides immediate access to Rock Creek Park, which features a massive buffer of green space, as well as opportunities for both passive and active recreation.*
- *Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Army's largest healthcare delivery system, provides comprehensive medical care to military families throughout the region and around the world. The Museum of Health and Medicine (which is an element of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology), the Army Physical Disability Agency and several smaller units are located on the campus.*
- *The Gateway Georgia Avenue area is currently experiencing new investment and physical transformation and offers significant revitalization and economic development opportunities.*
- *The Cluster offers close proximity to downtown Silver Spring and other parts of Montgomery County and the region.*
- *Georgia Avenue Day, a celebration of history, community and commerce, is held every year.*



- *Georgia Avenue is the site of the Annual Washington, DC, Caribbean Carnival Parade. The Caribbean Carnival, one of the largest cultural festivals in the Washington Metropolitan area, is a feast of culture with its Caribbean music, dance, arts and crafts, fashion and food.*
- *The Shepherd Park Community Yard Sale is an annual attraction.*

Recent Neighborhood Activity

- *Georgia Avenue Storefront Improvement Program. Since August 2001, 41 property owners have signed up to participate.*
- *James Gallery, which is located at 7610 Georgia Avenue.*
- *The Georgia Avenue Business Resource Center, which is located at 7408 Georgia Avenue.*